

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A machine readable structure, comprising:

a data structure storing tax information concerning a taxable item which is subject to a government sanctioned tax for a sale or use thereof, the tax information including a tax payment condition indicator indicative of a status of a payment of the government sanctioned tax on the taxable item; and

means for physically associating the machine readable structure with the taxable item.

14. (Original) The machine readable structure of claim 13 wherein the machine readable structure comprises a wireless memory tag.

15. (Original) The machine readable structure of claim 13 wherein the machine readable structure comprises a machine-readable symbol.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The machine readable structure of claim 13 wherein the data structure stores a product type identifier and a manufacture identifier.

18. (Currently Amended) The machine readable structure of claim 13 wherein the data structure ~~structure~~ stores a taxing authority identifier.

19. (Currently Amended) The machine readable structure of claim 13 wherein the data structure stores a date on which the government sanctioned tax was paid ~~tax payment date~~.

20. (Original) The machine readable structure of claim 13 wherein the data structure stores an amount of tax paid.

21. (Original) The machine readable structure of claim 13 wherein the data structure stores an origin identifier corresponding to an origin of the taxable item.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable memory, comprising:  
a data structure having a number of records, each of the records identifiable by an identifier corresponding to a taxable item and storing a tax payment condition indicator indicative of a status of corresponding to a tax payment status of a tax on sale or use of the taxable item.

23. (Original) The computer-readable memory of claim 22 wherein the records further store a product type identifier and a manufacture identifier.

24. (Original) The computer-readable memory of claim 22 wherein the records further store a taxing authority identifier.

25. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable memory of claim 22 wherein the records further store a tax payment date indicative of a date on which the tax payment was made.

26. (Original) The computer-readable memory of claim 22 wherein the records further store an amount of tax paid.

27. (Original) The computer-readable memory of claim 22 wherein the records further store an origin identifier corresponding to an origin of the taxable item.